

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Limiting access to publicly exposed object-oriented interfaces is disclosed. A system includes inter-related first objects that share a predetermined password. First object-oriented interfaces define methods supported by the first objects. The first objects
5 publicly expose the first interfaces, which are queryable by the first objects and second objects. Each first interface includes a password argument to limit access to the first objects. The system may also include second object-oriented interfaces that define methods supported by the first objects that publicly expose the second interfaces, which are queryable by the first and the second objects. The second interfaces are required by
10 specification, such as that for the Common Information Model (CIM), and correspond to the first interfaces. The second interfaces lack password arguments to limit access, and the methods defined thereby return "not implemented" messages when invoked. Each second interface is a non-implemented and password-free version of a first interface.